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SUBJECT: LOS: U. S.- BRAZIL FISHING AGREEMENT

1. GOB EMBASSY MINISTER COUNSELOR DINIZ CAME IN TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO INQUIRE ABOUT INFORMATION ON U. S. FISHING BOATS PROMISED BY U. S. AND PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. HE NOTED THESE BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT NOW THAT AGREEMENT ACTUALLY IN FORCE. A NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENT HAD OCCURRED BY U. S. BOATS NOT ON LIST FISHING IN AGREEMENT AREA WHICH FOREIGN OFFICE BRINGING TO ATTENTION OF EMBASSY BRASILIA. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH VIOLATORS CAN BE DEALT WITH IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION AND LEGISLATION.

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BRAZIL MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID AN INCIDENT WHICH MIGHT OCCUR SHOULD IT ATTEMPT TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS AT THIS STAGE.

2. REGARDING INFORMATION WHICH REQUIRED NOW THAT AGREEMENT IN FORCE, DINIZ ASKED WHAT WAS BEING DONE ABOUT INFORMATION LACUNAE WHICH HE HAD BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION AT EARLIER MEETING. DEPARTMENT SHOWED HIM INFORMATION FORM WHICH WAS ON THE BACK OF EACH BOAT PICTURE TRANSMITTED TO GOB. ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY BRAZIL AVAILABLE THERE WITH EXCEPTION OF RADIO CALL SIGNALS. OFFICERS NOTED USEFULNESS OF LATTER BUT NOTED THAT REQUEST FOR IT NOT

PRESENT IN ANY OF AGREEMENTS MADE. CALL SIGNAL AVAILABLE IN PUBLICATION "MERCHANT VESSELS OF THE UNITED STATES"; HOWEVER, WE WOULD ATTEMPT GATHER INFORMATION AND TRANSMIT IT TO GOB. CURRENT LIST OF SHIPS AUTHORIZED TO FISH ALWAYS CHANGING. U. S. WOULD BE ADDING AND SUBTRACTING CONSTANTLY. TO ASSIST GOB, HOWEVER, WE WILLING ATTEMPT FORMULATE CURRENT UP-TO-DATE LIST AND WILL FORWARD IT TO EMBASSY BRASILIA FOR TRANSMISSION TO GOB WITHIN THREE WEEKS.

3. DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION COMPLICATED BECAUSE WE ARE BREAKING NEW GROUND. THIS IS FIRST TIME ANY ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO WRITE LEGISLATION OF THIS KIND. PROPOSALS HAVE GONE TO OMB AND ARE NOW BEING STUDIED IN OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. BECAUSE LEGISLATION SO COMPLICATED, TIME WILL BE INVOLVED; THOUGH OFFICERS POINTED OUT NO MAJOR OBSTACLES HAVE APPEARED AND SUPPORT REMAINS STRONG. IN RESPONSE DINIZ REQUEST FOR ESTIMATE OF WHEN LEGISLATION MIGHT COME FORWARD, OFFICERS RESPONDED THAT TWO MORE MONTHS WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY.

4. DEPARTMENT ASKED DINIZ HOW GOB WAS HANDLING SHIPS FISHING IN TREATY AREA FROM NATIONS WITH WHICH IT DID NOT HAVE AGREEMENTS. DINIZ SAID HE DID NOT KNOW.

5. PLEASE TRANSMIT INFO ON VIOLATORS FROM GOB AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

6. DEPARTMENT IS FORWARDING BY AIRGRAM DATA TABLE
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PRESENTED BY BRAZILIAN EMBASSY WITH REQUEST TO SEEK

CLARIFICATION ON SOME POINTS. ROGERS

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